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in which your Mother joins most heartily -
Mountain Home, Baxter Co. Ark.

My dear Maria,

I know that you will
pardon me for writing to you with pencil
instead of pen & ink. My hand is getting a
little heavy now a days & it pierces the hard
sharp point of the pen through the paper
& spatters the ink on blot so that it does not
look very neat.

Assuming therefore that you would rather
take pencil than no letter I sit down
to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
from Mt Jackson, Miss. We were sorry to hear of
your detention on your journey & of the flood that
had in your way. Now if you ^{had} gone Dear Ben
had come by way of Arkansas you would have
been in Mountain Home, choosing one of several
beautiful locations for your Bungalow. It was
weather under the beautiful Sapphire skies &

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feasting on wild duck, Wild Turkey, with
quail & trout for supper. I just time myself
today to give you a good sleep & happy
dreams. I wanted so much to have you &
Ben spend Thanksgiving here, but he, desiring
that he is, wished to see his own father &
mother & I knew that they would be so happy to
have you & Ben that I suppressed my own heart
felt wishes so that you might go there.
Your Brother Willie arrives here tomorrow on a
visit to us & will spend Thanksgiving here.
I only wish that Ben & yourself could spend New
holidays with us or if not perhaps you might
come round this way & spend a day or two with
us next week on your return trip to Columbia.
You could come by way of Memphis & catch the
morning train at New port Arkansas which
awaits the arrival of the Memphis train to carry
its passengers up the White River RR to Cotton.
I there we will meet you. If you come this way
I see this beautiful country you will never get
away from it. It is so with me. I am infatuated
with it. I am in love with it, & good wishes to

If we succeed we will have the best and
most easily developed water power for Electricity
in Northern Arkansas.

We will then be able to start all the mines
to working & we will furnish big hot springs to
them, with cheap Electric Railways for trans-
portation, & start cotton mills & other factories
of every kind. There will then be something
near the Bungalow to make it perpetually
interesting, & I will see that Mr. Miller shall
other get land cheap enough to suit them & just
as picturesque & beautiful & wild as anything in the
world.

Your Mother has already been offered a site
for her 'Bungalow' near what is called the 'Rising
Spring' a great body of water coming by a subterranean
channel down from the mountains & pouring out
its rich mineral waters into the River.

The whole thing is just too beautiful & good for
anything & soon, God willing, we will all be well
enough & to live ideal lives with plenty to read & play
for all the hundreds of God's children who come to us
for assistance. What more can I say except that I am
as ever your loving Daddy Misses & Ben & Annie.

undoubtedly draft of letter answering him
of Feb 12, 1906
from Mrs. O.

Dear Miss Lewis,
Your letter & The pretty
postal reached me a week ago. ~~but~~
What interest you must take in the new
house as it goes up & what a pleasure
to watch its progress. ~~How~~ few of us have
that delight along with the delight of
purchasing the house. I don't
know which should be granted for
certainly plenty of clothes delight many
women's hearts.

I can't say we regret the "D.T." tree
but I am certainly glad that the
tree didn't need to be cut down.
We have always had a house-
holding bee in our houses but I am
afraid with a year over here our house
is still a long way off.

You ask if I expect to bring a
French girl back with me. No, I
do not because the servants here
in the South of France are I. B.
The young servants here are full

of clothes & beauty & they are ~~not~~
 unreliable & the old ones are ~~disappointing~~
 the old ones are all very old or at
 least look so. The ^{that class} women ^{seem} to age
 early here as they do in Italy & I am
 constantly surprised to see an old woman
 who looks like a great grandmother with
 a child of her own 10 or 12 years.
 I am hoping, however, to bring back
 2 or 3 new girls. The ^{young} nurse-girl I had
 in Munich last summer has promised
 to return with us & remain with us
 three years. ~~She has been Mrs. Waller's~~
~~mate that she would like a foreign~~
~~girl and I am going to try and~~
~~get her for me in Munich where we~~
~~will be for the summer semester. I~~
~~shall struggle to get her to go~~
~~you one woman to a for me in Munich~~
~~more than 2. The difficulties of getting~~
~~her to go are great. I will try to~~
~~sailing from Liverpool instead of a~~
~~summer but because of the extra money~~
~~they would have to spend I will~~
~~try to get a woman from~~
~~the north of England.~~
~~My friend, I hope to go to Edinburgh~~
~~next month. The advantages~~

of foreign travel! ~~But as I said~~
 I will try to do my ^{very} best provided
 "Casimire" can I write & get your agree-
 + me can ^{intermediate} from ^{Cambridge} this
~~month or the next. I am not sure~~
~~if we can go to the University of~~
~~Montpellier in July and we shall then~~
~~visit our family in Montpelier~~
~~& then go to the University of~~
~~and the lease on our house is up.~~
 I suppose you now on you will
 be kept busy with sewing & all
 sorts of shivers. I wish I were in Columbia
 & do my ~~part~~ share in the fun.
 Our time is well filled these
 last few weeks in Montpelier & we have
 time to look up our guide books of
 Algeria. However I am looking forward
 to it with great pleasure and hope to
 find that the French have taken
 away the native quaintness by their occupation.
 We find on the ship while at little the
 other day & found it very large & nice
 almost like an ocean liner. Marie
 is gleefully anticipating going
 on it.

as for Fairer and Mrs. Suggs
give me in kindest regards to
you and to Mr. Greene.

Very cordially yours
Edward S. Suggs

~~Wedge not~~
We have ^{also} already agreed to ^{buy} ~~buy~~ ^{once}
extra German girl ~~along~~
D ^{although} we are not up w the new laws & don't
know whether we would be ⁱⁿ difficulty
in getting a third girl *

[illegible]

you will mail this letter Xmas
"I am a Shanty" be my letter Xmas
Miss Marie's letter has been ^{long} finished.
Aunt made it for myself for
her. will my letter to mother & child
I have just finished it off.
I don't know Marie's present address.
So mail it for me as soon as
possible & I will thank you. Agnes
Cent my this money a brief check.
Crepedeche's receipt. She is a child!
Whom I long so much to see again in this
life. Her calls on her family but today
I must tell you she sends you a receipt.
Kin - that her receipt is acceptable.
Mother's letter has arrived as the children
will bring on Xmas day at 5-30 PM.
Cousin Emma's Rose has sent me a pair of
very comfortable slippers. & Mrs. & Harry Allen
brought a beautiful book. Thomas & Joseph
for us also on that month. Love to all.

He must have been mistakely
killed. This is a gross case of
carelessness on the part of
the D.R. and Charlie will
fight them to get something
for Bella's poor parents. She
was one of sixteen children
& her parents are very poor.
But for my darling's that
Sunday was a terrible day
for us all & the horror of it
will be with me always.
I am so unnerved that
I feel like giving up but
there has not been one
minute - that I could call

my own mind & then had
to keep every thing as cheerful
& calm as I could for dear
husb^d Lizzi & the children &
think it is best that I should
not think of my own feelings.
Even in the worst cases God
shows his mercy & in this
case it was that her poor body
could not be brought here. Both
the Dr. & undertaker said it
must be taken to Dover & put
in a casket & that not even
her relatives could see it. Oh
it is all so terrible. I could
tell you all about it but I

was not able - have now & will always
the subject - I presume I have not been able
to get another girl yet - I am glad in
business we want. You doubtless very
short this had to happen while I was in
to have felt she has done it well & I
have now need a comfort to me & I
her mother - me.

Thank you very much for the letter
I have just received & have for the letter
All my love to you & the family I love
but had to give it up. I am
travelling & staying in Cambridge

and belated off on a shopping
trip to Boston & our job. I went
last night so we were only
away from home two days &
one night. I saw her guests
& told you we had the best
of every thing & came home
from Boston less tired than
before was after a similar
trip. I did not get much
shopping done myself for I
had to be with her every
minute but I think I can
finish up in time after
she leaves us next Tuesday.
I can not do very much
for James & it shakes up
her kind of work for the 20

So I am crazy
 to hear
 from you
 and I
 will not
 leave until
 I hear from
 you. Will
 you write
 me soon?
 The dear
 and I are
 for you
 all day
 every day
 1905-06

Darling Alice —
 (mentions mushroom cakes)

We were so glad
 to get the dear letter ad-
 dressed to Ben, and enjoyed
 it thoroughly. Your letter,
 one from Mama, one from
 Papa, and one from Agnes,
 are the only ones we have
 received since leaving home,
 so you may imagine their
 loving reception.

We are having a glorious

time in Paris², and are
seeing all of the sights.
I know you will like
Paris. It is so clean, and
the streets are so wide
and well paved. Smoky
old London doesn't compare
with it in my estimation.
The weather has been beautiful,
not at all cold. To-day, however,
there is a slight fog, but in
London a fearful black one.
You know of our visits to
the Louvre, Versailles, and
various other historic places.

Since my letter to Chuck³ we have visited the Dokhina
which is a most interesting place. The true Dokhina tapestry
is worked on the reverse - that is the men, (there are no
women employed), stand on the wrong side, and work the
colours through. One man works all the figures, another
the flowers, etc. The shading on the nude figures is
most delicate and the worker must come out in front
of it and look at it every few minutes. The painting, which
they copy in wool, silk, and silk, is hung behind them.
The making of the tapestry is like so much embroidery,
except that they are making the material itself as they
progress, and I suppose a square foot done by one man in
a day would be phenomenal. Other hand-made tapestries
are in progress here also, but these are worked from the
front as are also the hand-made carpets. The "wool" is
stretched across a frame, and a small portion of the design

building ^{5.}itself. The foyer,
the grand staircase, the
promenades, are univalled.
It was my first taste
of Grand Opera and I
have told my Benjamin
that I will allow him to
bring me to Paris every year
for it!

Tuesday we went to the
Louvre and to The Luxembourg.
The Luxembourg contains only
the pictures of living artists
and those dead less than
ten years. After the ten
years are up, those judged

^{7.}is traced upon it, at a time,
then they pass the different
colored threads, (wound on long
wooden sticks), in and out, and
after a certain portion is accomplished,
push it down very hard. It is
hard to explain the process,
but of course you will see it
next summer.

Last Friday night we
went to the Opera, and
heard Alvarez as Samson.
The orchestra is immense, fully
a hundred pieces, and the
singing was very fine. The
scenic effects were beautiful,
but better still is the

worthy are taken to the Louvre. Ben and I had great fun over some of the impressionistic "effects" in yellows, greens, and blues, but a few of the pictures are splendid, such as - Rosa Bonheur's "Open", some portraits by Carolus Duran, Bouguereau's "Truth", etc. There are a great many of the statues are beautiful. We dropped into St. Sulpice on our way home, but didn't find very much of interest in our hasty survey. After dinner (at seven o'clock) we went to Notre Dame to see the ceremony of the forty-eight hours Adoration of the Saviour. Ben's interpreter is the official guide at Notre Dame, and took us up a winding old stone stairway to a dark gallery from which point of vantage we could see the altar and the body of the church. Only men take part in the ceremony and each upon entering the cathedral is given a long wax candle. When the organ begins to sound, the candles are lighted, and the men rise and form a procession.

man of eighty - two years.

The antiphonal singing
between the choir-boys accompanied
by the smaller organ, and

The organ accompaniment
by the immense organ at
the back of the church, was
very fine, as were the solos
and the male-sopranos.

The whole thing was most
impressive and we were
very fortunate in seeing
what so few foreigners see
even in the ordinary way.

To-morrow we are going
to visit the mushroom
cave. Ben's work is progressing

Marching three times around
the church. The thousands of
flickering candles moving
about ~~formed~~ made a beautiful
sight and Ben has regretted
since that he didn't take his
camera with him. While
they were going the rounds
a procession of bishops came
in escorting the cardinal.
Their robes of gold and
rich embroideries were beautiful.
Then came the elevation of the
host, after which the cardinal
took it and bore it slowly
three times around the
cathedral. He is an old

splendidly and in another ⁹ week he will have all
the data he can use. We shall leave here about the
sixteenth and take a little trip through Holland
and Belgium and then we have decided to return
home leaving Boulogne on the 23rd of Dec. on the
Hamburg-American steamer "Kraf. Waldersee". We expected
to stay until some time in January, but the work is
going so well, and time will be so precious in Washington
as we start so early on our Southern trip, that we gave up
our little sojourn at the "Riviera" and "Nisi". Christmas will
be much pleasanter on the boat, than on land in a
hotel, also. By the way, Ben has discovered a new
mushroom disease! He was talking with some mushroom
growers, yesterday, who gave him the most ridiculous account.
They say, (explaining the reason why mushroom growers won't
allow women in their caves,) that mushrooms spring up from
the ground which is nature, also that at certain times

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of the month women
are sick, which also is
nature. And if a woman
at a certain time of the
month passes through their
case, the mushrooms contract
a disease of a fungous nature
which ruins them for market
purposes. Indeed when this
decay appears, the mushrooms
refuse to come up! Now did
you ever hear of any thing
so absurd in your life? These
people really believe it though,
and to-night Madame
Robin told us practically
the same thing.

I wish you could hear

me speaking French like
a native! (I wish I might
hear such a miracle myself!)

We take a lesson every day
from a lady here in the pension.

I was on the point of writing
to you about ten days ago, saying
that your scheme didn't work,
but I am happy to say it is
most effective. How that?

I've been to the Louvre to-day
trying to get "on speaking terms"
with "The Venus de Milo" as
Mrs Fitzsimmons assured me she
had done. She was too sad to-day
though. Sorry for ~~Mr~~ Hams. Please give
him my congratulations. Wish we might
have him with you Thanksgiving. He
gives me in a great deal of the talk. Do
write to Washington of Bureau Plant Industry,

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by Louise Jarvis 1906?

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